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## The First Christmas Crib

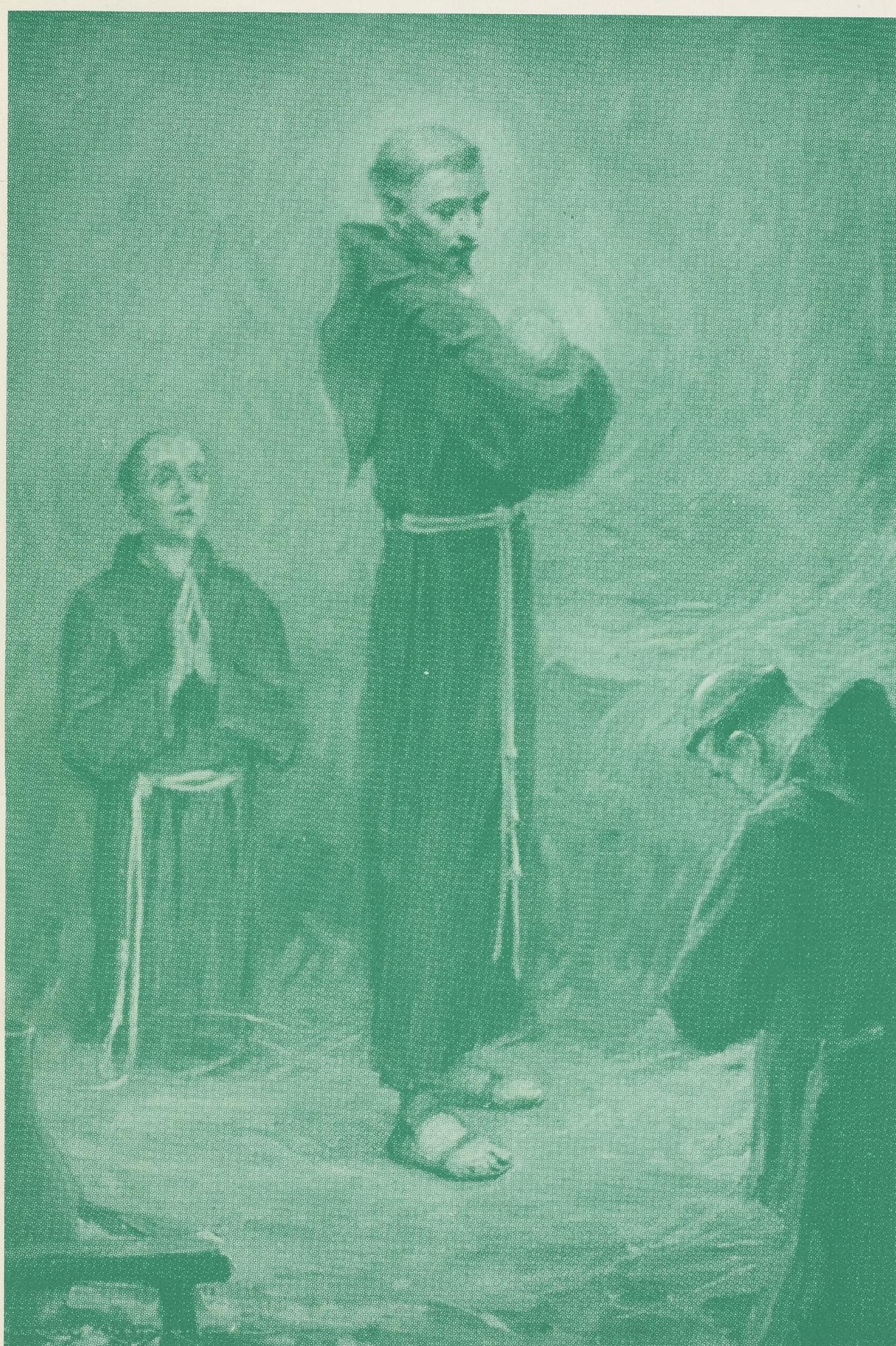
After his trip to the Holy Land and his visit to Bethlehem, Saint Francis of Assisi had a special devotion to the feast of Christmas. He often said of this day: "If I knew the Emperor, I would ask him that all be ordered on this day to throw out corn to the birds, especially to our sisters the larks, and I would ask that everyone who has a beast in the stable give it a specially good meal for love of the Child Jesus born in a manger. And this day the rich should feast all the poor."

In the year 1223 Francis himself celebrated Christmas in a way which the world had never seen before. In Greccio he had a friend and well-wisher who had given him and his Brothers a wood-grown cliff above the city. Francis now had this man called to Colombo and said to him: "I want to celebrate the holy Christmas night along with thee, and now listen how I have thought it out for myself. In the woods by the cloister thou wilt find a cave, and there thou mayest arrange a manger filled with hay. There must also be an ox and an ass, just as in Bethlehem. I want for once to celebrate seriously the coming of the Son of God upon earth and to see with my own eyes how poor and miserable He wished to be for our sakes."

His friend attended to all Francis' wishes, and at midnight of Christmas Eve the Brothers came together to celebrate the festival of Christmas. All carried lighted torches, and stood around the manger with their candles, so that it was as light as day under the dark vaulting of the rocks. Mass was said with the manger as altar, so that the Divine Child under the forms of bread and wine should Himself come to the place, as bodily and discernibly as He had been in the stable of Bethlehem.

For a moment it seemed to Francis' friend that he saw a real Child lying in the manger, but looking as if it were dead or asleep. Then Brother Francis stepped forward and took it lovingly in his arms, and the Child smiled at the Poverello, and with its little hands stroked his bearded chin and his coarse grey habit. Yet this vision did not astonish Francis' friend. For Jesus had been dead or asleep in hearts these many years, until Brother Francis had by his voice and his example restored the Divine Child to life in the world.

As the Gospel was sung, Francis stepped forward in his deacon's vestments. "Deeply sighing, overcome by the fullness of his devotion, filled with a wonderful joy, the holy one of God stood by the manger . . . And his voice, his strong voice, and glad voice, clear voice and ringing voice invited all to seek the highest good."



## We Get Letters!

October 31, 1964

Dear Editor:

As everyone knows, a Halloween Dance was sponsored by Bishop Ford the night of October 30th, 1964. Any boy in Ford could have purchased a ticket on October 26th. However, the tickets that were sent to the Catholic girls' high schools had a note attached which stated, in effect, that Freshman girls were not welcome at the dance and Sophomore and Junior girls were preferred. This, I maintain, is a gross injustice: to the freshman girls, freshman boys, and Bishop Ford High School.

My friend and I personally knew several freshman girls who were disappointed and disillusioned when their high schools—Saint Joseph's and Saint Savior's—informed them that Freshmen were not welcome at the dance. They had the impression that Bishop Ford was a friendly and hospitable place where they could spend an enjoyable evening dancing. The freshman boys were also disappointed. They wanted to both support a school function and meet girls their own age. They found out instead, that the dance was filled with Sophomore and Junior girls between one and three years older than themselves. Ford's reputation also suffered because of this unfavorable policy of age prejudice and inhospitality.

I ask the Student Council, "Is this any way to prevent so-called 'Freshman Apathy'?"

Respectfully yours,  
Dennis M. De Freitas, 101

Please print this letter so that the Freshmen may obtain an answer.

Dennis De Freitas,

The tone of your letter is one of accusation rather than interrogation. This shows a lack of intelligence and prudence on the part of the author. It is also quite evident that you have not taken the trouble to find out how dances are organized.

When a dance is suggested, the Student Council votes on it. After approval is received from the principal, a Dance chairman is elected. He is responsible for 1) acquiring a moderator and 2) setting up a Dance Committee (which is composed of many boys who are not members of the Student Council). For this reason, I have forwarded your letter to Frank Savarese who was chairman of the Halloween Dance Committee. He will clarify your errors concerning "invitations."

In spite of your lack of courtesy in the phrasing of your letter, I did admire your concern for the school. In regard to your question on "Freshman Apathy" I would like to inform you that the Student Council does all it can to prevent any type of apathy.

—Edward McNamara

November 30, 1964

The Student Body  
Bishop Ford High School  
Dear Fellow Students,

We, the Student Council have been accused of being negligent of the fact that we did not invite the freshman classes from Saint Joseph's and Saint Savior's High Schools to our Halloween Dance. We strongly deny the accusations.

Saint Savior's was not extended an invitation, for the simple reason that they were having a dance of their own, planned for the same evening.

Saint Joseph's School was invited. Our letter specified that Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors were welcome. Judging by the tremendous response to our Halloween Dance, (over 1,100 attended) we feel sure that Saint Joseph's Freshmen were represented.

We always welcome constructive criticism. Thank you for your past cooperation at our dances.

Yours truly,  
Frank Savarese  
Chairman of the  
Dance Committee

BUT BROTHER... IF YOU  
STOOD 3 FT. 11 IN.

YOU'D WEAR  
6 IN. HEELS  
ON TWO FOOT  
BOOTS WITH  
A 13 IN.  
HAIRDO TOO!



## Styles Change; Weeds Crushed

Stop! Look! Listen! We the students have suffered a fatal defeat at the polls!

During the recent Parent-Faculty Interview Nights, a poll was taken on our parents' attitude toward smoking regulations and on whether our parents would extend to the school the "utmost cooperation" in enforcing the ban on tight pants and feminine-style haircuts.

These questions were soon answered as the voting got under way.

It was clearly evident that the results were not in our favor. Smoking at dances was smashed down by a vote of 718-no; 71-yes.

Student hopes for senior smoking were crushed further down, 730-no; 58-yes.

The next ballot on attire raised the frowns of the faculty into jovial faces, bursting with joy, because they had received the permission of our parents to initiate a crackdown on unsuitable attire. This permission was attained by a Parental Mandate—774-yes; 19-no.

I'm sure this article has bruised the ego of many students, but especially our "habitual smokers," who were looking forward to enjoying a cigarette on their lunch break.

Although the school has not made a ruling on it as yet, it looks as if the chances for lenient smoking regulations are slim, thanks to our parents' good or bad opinions. Who can be the judge of that? Experience is the best teacher and we can readily assume that our parents have already profited by same.

In case some of you are thinking that smoking was vetoed by the freshman parents, you're wrong. Further breakdown for senior smoking is Junior-Soph 390-no; 27-yes. As you can plainly see, it wasn't.

Your parents' adamant reply, 774-yes; 19-no, for strict enforcement in banning "extravagant dressing" will certainly start the ball rolling for a future crackdown on the student body. BEWARE!!!

—James Stivaletti

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## LITURGICAL VIEW BUGS LAYMAN

### AN EDITORIAL

by Robert Murphy 301

Hail to the Catholic Church, spreader and interpreter of the Word of God, which after hundreds and hundreds of years of inane concealment has decided to abandon its medieval custom, and reveal itself to the people! Hail to the Catholic Church, which after hundreds and hundreds of years of mumbling foreign phrases to the deaf ears of worshipers, has decided on a move so drastic as to speak to them in a tongue they comprehend!

Spokesmen of the Church laud the new liturgy as a tremendous breakthrough and progressive step, and the decrees of the Council explain that it means better comprehension of, and more active participation in, the Mass; but, few are willing to admit that, for all this mentioned time, they have been negligent recently, old-fashioned, and entirely impractical in their deliverance of the Liturgy to the people. Now, the Church becomes progressive and now it introduces the vernacular, but how can we help but observe that it should have happened long ago?

People have lived and died without every grasping the Liturgy, while the Church never thought of making feasible changes. Now, at long last, Catholics can talk in Church in their homeland tongue, and the Church hopes they will participate and understand the Liturgy.

The biggest problem confronting the Church today is truly one of participation and comprehension, for people just don't know what the Liturgy is or what the Mass is. Whose fault is it? Who knows? People just don't bother to find out; but neither does the Church bother to make them find out, or to impress upon them that without comprehension, there is no Mass. For centuries, the priest had been muttering in an alien tongue, and churchgoers met it with a lack of understanding, and an inevitable indifferentism to the functionings of the Mass.

Now, the Second Vatican Council has introduced the vernacular, hailing it as a great innovation, yet nothing seems different but the words, for churchgoers still lack understanding and still exhibit indifferentism. The change thus far has been objective and now there is a crucial need for a change that is subjective, in the thoughts and attitudes of the people.

This is the problem facing the Church. It is immediate and severe, and, if unattended to, could grow to be inestimable in scope. Steps have been taken in the right direction, but more steps, and bigger steps are essential. The Church must face the reality that her members don't know the Mass, that they are living under the illusion that they can spend one hour a week sitting in a church pew and consider themselves active Catholics. Something must be done, and done now, and only the Catholic Church can do it.

The PROBLEM IS THEIRS.

## Forensic League Gaining; Archer Wins First Medal

By Charles Terry

Since our last edition, the Bishop Ford Forensic League has really gotten off the ground. The league now boasts a total of four meets under its belt and expects to enter five times as many before the year is out.

A few weeks ago, Howard Archer of 207, a member of the dramatics department, competed against sixty-nine contestants from twenty-six schools, and clinched second place, and thus became the first Falcon to bring home a Forensic award.

"This is just the beginning!" reveals Brother Lucian, confident we'll win many more before school ends in June.

Another successful Falcon, William Danaher, scored very high in the first two rounds, but ran up against some stiff senior competition in the last round.

Although the teams have already gone into competition at least once, Brother Lucian extends an invitation to one and all to come on down to the audio-visual room any time, and inquire about a position on the team.



Howard Archer of class 207.

## Ford Photogs Snap To Action

Brother Gratian, moderator of the Photography Club, is proud to announce that modern photographic equipment is ready for student use through the club.

This equipment is located in the Darkroom in the Publications Office, located in the center wing of the school on the ground floor.

The Photography Club has two quality cameras: a Graflex Press Camera and a single lens reflex Pentax 35mm camera.

An Omega enlarger, plenty of chemicals needed for developing and printing, a contact printer and an automatic washer and heat dryer, contribute to make the Darkroom a professional one.

At present, the club is engaged in teaching students the techniques of developing and printing of films.

Brother Gratian has plans for the Photography Club to take and process the many pictures needed for the First Bishop Ford Yearbook as it has done for the *High Point* in the past.

-Frank Tabert 201



Rev. John Hartmann bids farewell to Ford after conducting successful Retreat.

## Mothers Throw A Real Blast

Bishop Ford's own cafeteria was the site of the Mothers Club Christmas Buffet and social on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. The gala affair was host to over five hundred mothers and guests, among them being the Brothers and lay faculty.

Mrs. Hughes, Chairwoman and Mrs. Mongelli, Co-chairman, worked closely with Brothers Aloisius and Emmett and the Mothers Club President, Mrs. Kiernan.

The school's Glee Club and Band supplied the entertainment before dinner and the guest entertainer, Bernie Clay, amused the entire assembly with his wit. Of course, Santa Claus was at the party and brought the grab-bag for both the faculty and the mothers.

Dinner was served in buffet style and included everything taste tempting from antipasto and fried chicken to coffee and punch.

The Mothers Club has grand and ambitious plans for the coming year. If the success of the Christmas party is any indication of the success of their future endeavors, then the organization can expect a marvelous year.



Mr. Bluni reviews Peter Duveen's Science Plans in Biology-Lab Green House.

## Roger Bacon Science Club Initiates Academic Endeavor

By Frank Sena

The Roger Bacon Science Club, under the leadership of Brother Gratian and members of the science faculty, has started off with a bang this year, boasting over seventy students participating in its twelve divisions.

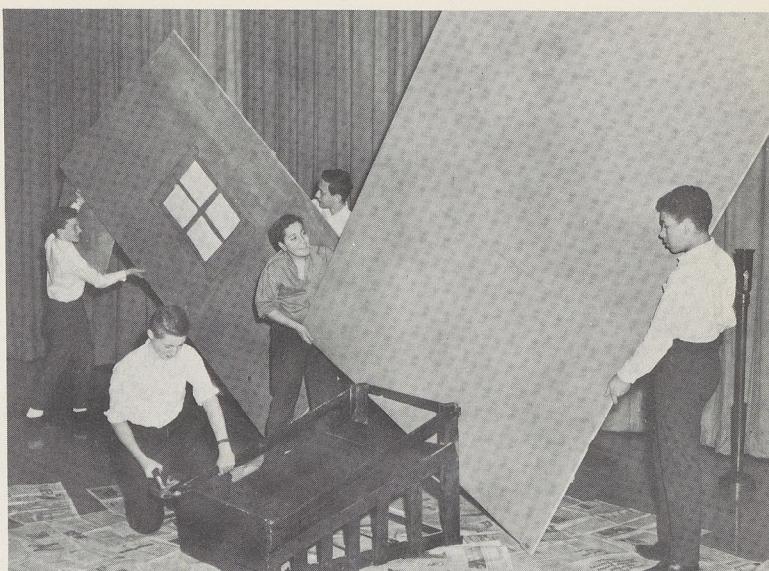
It is named after the great Franciscan scientist, Roger Bacon, a man who was not happy merely accepting scientific facts, but had to prove them for himself. The purpose of the Science Club also is to make science more meaningful and to provide interested students with advanced group work not attempted in the regular science class.

One must not mistakenly think the club is all work. Already the Club has sponsored a field trip in geology to the Rondout section of the Catskills on November 21, accompanied by an expert geologist.

Brother Gratian has announced plans for Bishop Ford's first Science Fair to be held in the spring under the direction of Brother Marius. The Club's science projects are also to be entered in the New York City Science Fair, Brooklyn Diocesan Science Fair, Future Scientists of America Contest and Brooklyn Diocesan Science Symposium.

The twelve divisions are headed by members of the Science Faculty as follows: Brother Marius—Anatomy of a Cat; Plant Classification; radiation of plants; radioisotopes with animals and Bonsai Plants. Mr. O'Leary—Anatomy of a Dog Fish and Skeletal Reconstruction. Brother Gratian—Crystal Growing; Paper Chromatography and Identification of Rocks and Fossils. Mr. Bluni—Histology and Plant Hormones.

The Science Department Faculty is very encouraged with the large number of students who have joined the club. It also invites new members to enroll in this worthwhile academic endeavor. Interested students are asked to contact one of the moderators.



Falcons put final touches on scenery for Christmas Assembly.

## Christmas Assembly to Roll After Months of Work

Tomorrow's assembly will be the culmination of months of work and practice on the part of the Music Department and Brothers Matthias and Marius. Long hours of repetitious, humdrum drudgery for the Glee Club and school band will pay off as the members of these two important school organizations accompany the various students who have volunteered to take part in the annual event.

The assembly will be divided into two parts. You might say the one being secular and the other religious. The secular section of the assembly will portray a Bishop Ford Fraternity House where the usual Yuletide spirit of merriment and laughter are found. Traditional as well as new folk songs will highlight this portion of the program.

The spiritual setting of the assembly will follow the traditional Christmas Crib theme which was so dear

to the heart of St. Francis of Assisi. The narrator, William Hines of 208 will tell the story of the Nativity with the Glee Club lending vocal spiritual inspiration.

The Glee Club has been busy this month with engagements at the Mothers Club Christmas Party, an entertainment for the elderly at the Home for the Aged conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and naturally at tomorrow's Christmas assembly.

## Guidance Dept. Gives Information On Colleges

Bishop Ford's college information program, under the direction of the Guidance Department, is currently under way in the Junior classes.

One of the most important facets of the current program is the classroom seminar, usually given during a study or home-room period.

The individual class' Grade Adviser distributes general information on colleges, especially on those located in New York State, and encourages the students to write away to any colleges of their choice to obtain college catalogues. Lists of these colleges and their addresses are distributed during the first seminar.

The second seminar discusses the information that may be found in any college catalogue. General questions are answered by the Grade Adviser and the discussion can turn to any topic from entrance requirements to expenses, to scholarships to campus life.

Individual interviews follow these seminars on college plans, to enable any student with a special request for advisement to obtain same.

The program includes the use of the Seminar Room in the Library, where special materials on colleges and occupations have been made available for the Junior Class.

Soon to follow these initial seminars will be other meetings with the Grade Advisers to discuss College Board Applications and individual College Programs.

## Dances Prove Smash Success

By Frank Lewandowski

Ford's Falcons started the '64-'65 school dance season with a tremendous bang. The turnouts at both the Halloween and Thanksgiving Dances were great, especially the 1,100 gathered at the Halloween Dance.

Brother Aloisius who acted as Moderator at the Halloween Dance also purchased the decorations along with Joe Diorio and Frank Savarese, the MC for the night, Ray Acosta, singer, accompanied by the Prospects, provided the entertainment.

The Halloween Dance was held on Friday night, October 30.

On Wednesday evening, November 25, the Thanksgiving Dance was held with Brother Gilbert acting as Moderator.

John Pinto of Class 201, in accordance with the Student Council, obtained the band, refreshments and decorations. The Rydels provided music on this occasion.



## Santa's on Wall St.

By Salvatore Rasa

Probably, the biggest aid to the "War on Poverty" would be to ignore Christmas. That might sound like I am condemning Doris Day or putting a ban on Boy Scouts, but I am not speaking of the true Christmas, but the December 25th most people think they understand.

Today, the so-called sophisticated shopper learns about the Yuletide season from the very solemn advertising agencies that line Madison Avenue. Most of their campaigns are aimed directly at children, who provide the greatest pigeons, their parents. But, somehow, the parents may get their own information, most likely, by watching television.

After viewing a commercial that sells a toy which costs about the same as the down payment on their house, they might say something like, "What an insult to our intelligence!" Two weeks later, they've purchased two of these do-nothings, because they've remembered a nephew who is just as neruotic as their son and needs something like a super-coordinated space invasion set to calm his nerves.

However, there is a great deal to be said for the toy makers of America. Take, for instance, a well behaved little girl. Her parents give her only toys that won't produce any ill effects. Half their Christmas savings go to buy a doll that continually crys and actually wets (the highpoint of the bargain).

Think, also, of the poor misunderstood little brats who need something to occupy their lonely destructive time. There are many pleasant gifts for them, like a nifty outfit that will teach everything about warfare, and weapons that their little misled minds would never have thought about. Or for only half the thickness of your wallet, you can buy a game in which the toy fighters get their "blocks knocked off."

Enough for the training of your youth; we owe a great debt to the business world. Thanks for giving us artificial Christmas trees and annoying commercials. But, most of all, thanks to all the corporation presidents who haven't felt like children since their last dividend check.

They are the ones who put "Santa Claus on Wall Street."

## We Get A Christmas Gift!

In an unusual and baffling incident during the last week of November, Brother Timothy and the entire student body of Bishop Ford High School in Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A. became the recipient of a gift of \$117 from the Bishop Ford Center in Hong Kong, China.

The money, collected by Chinese high school students, is comparable to the buying power of \$1000 in the United States. The Bishop Ford Center in Hong Kong is a school conducted by the Maryknoll Fathers, the American Mission Society of which Bishop Ford was a member.

Brother Timothy stated that, "We believe that the money sent as a token of friendship and good will." Certainly, it is an example for the spirit of sacrifice and good will which all Bishop Ford students should show in their collections for the Missions.

Besides the check, a portrait of Bishop Ford and various letters and cards which were written by the late Bishop Ford were sent from Hong Kong where they have been kept since the Bishop's death. These belongings will be added to the already existing collection of Memorabilia which were the possession of Bishop Ford.

## PRESENTS GALORE ARE IN STORE FOR ALL . . .

by Roger Cusick

A solitary figure walks down the hallway. One can see by his manner of walking, a slow steady pace, that here is a man of distinction and authority. He climbs three steps just before the exit and opens the door. Glancing back, his eyes meet with a gaily lighted Christmas tree standing in the center of the building. A smile of contentment grows on his lips. The final light switch he adjusts, and all is darkness. The sound of the door locking and the fading footsteps re-echo for several seconds and then darkness joins the silence in reigning over the building.

The corridors were cold and damp. The rooms were empty. The lights were out and not a creature stirred. Suddenly, there were piercing sounds. The patter of many little feet on the roof above. Accompanying this sound, that of two steel bars sliding across the surface of pebbles. A voice sounds faintly, the patter ceases and there sinks a loud thud onto the surface of the building. Heavy footsteps continue to a roof entrance of the building. The squeaky steel door opens and the being thumps down one staircase after another. Finally he reaches the ground floor. He makes his appearance in the lonely corridor and pauses to survey the surroundings. His figure is round and rotund. The hair of his head is like snow capping a great mountain. His eyes are large and his rosy cheeks depict the season. He is clothed in a red suit, which is loose enough to permit comfort but tight enough to show his oval contours. Under each arm is a package wrapped in silver and bearing a large tag reading "Merry Christmas".

As this gaily clad figure glances from left to right, his eyes meet with an unusual contrast in respect to himself. The walls are drab and undecorated. The doors of each room are gay red but adorned only by a number. He slowly paces down the center of the hall, still glancing. His comical swaying gait requires a few seconds for him to transverse the corridor. Finally, he opens a door leading to the more important wing. Entering, his eyes meet with the darkened Christmas tree. "Ah, this is what I've been looking for," he remarks, almost incoherently. "But wait". With that remark uttered, he reaches for a light switch barely visible through the shadows. With an upward movement, he flips the switch on. Instantly, the wing is illuminated. The brilliance from the tree reaches every nook and cranny. The lights expel not a glaring shine but a glowing radiance. The effect of the tinsel and the tin foil, combined with the different colored lights, worthily symbolizes the happiness of Christmas. Everything reflects the grandeur of the spectacle.

The packages under his arm resemble silver treasure chests sparkling with every movement. He slowly paces toward the tree and gently places at its base the two packages. With these final actions, he proceeds to retrace his steps, flipping the light switch to its original position as he passes it. Not glancing back once, he returns to the roof. And with a faint cry, he resummons the patterning sound followed by the sliding of steel that marks his exit across the roof. These sounds suddenly end. All is quiet, all is darkness once again.

The short visit by this unique character would have gone unnoticed except for the silver wrapped packages under the Christmas tree. He had left no calling card, no tell-tale evidence except these. The parcels were wrapped carefully and with taste. The tags were simple. The contents of each package was not material, except for a little card. On this card in the first package were the words:

TO THE STUDENTS OF BISHOP FORD HIGH SCHOOL—  
THAT WHICH WILL BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THEM:

1. OBEDIENCE
2. HONESTY
3. KNOWLEDGE
4. DILIGENCE
5. RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

While the card on the second package read:

TO THE FACULTY OF BISHOP FORD HIGH SCHOOL—  
THAT WHICH WILL BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THEM:

1. JUSTICE
2. WISDOM
3. PATIENCE
4. FORTITUDE

At the bottom of each card were scrawled the initials S. C. and the appropriate greeting of the season:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Tree Trimmin's

While doing my Christmas shopping, I overheard a little boy telling Santa Claus what he wanted for Christmas. The boy said, "a baby brother." Upon hearing this request, his mother patted him on the head sweetly and said, "I'm afraid, dear, there just aren't enough shopping days left!"

The office Christmas party seems to be declining in popularity. That's understandable. Who wants to smooch with an electronic computer?

On Christmas morning I found a large box, the tag on it reading, "To Ricky with love. From Mom and Dad." Inside I found a card that said "Merry Christmas." Under a second wrapper was a card, "Happy New Year." More wrappers revealed, "Happy Easter" and "Happy Birthday". Then, finally, the gift. A beautiful new T.V. set with a card saying, "Boy, you've had it for this year!"

THE STAFF OF  
HIGH POINT  
WISHES ALL—  
STUDENTS,  
FACULTY,  
ADMINISTRATION  
and  
STAFF,  
A CHRISTMAS  
FILLED WITH  
BLESSINGS.

It's Christmas  
When shoppers file through the doors  
Of long since overcrowded stores,  
It's Christmas.  
When owners grin with brightened face  
To see such crowding taking place,  
It's Christmas.  
When people fret who've not sent cards  
To others who have sent regards,  
It's Christmas.  
When prices rise so steadily  
They're triple what they used to be,  
It's Christmas.  
When people go to church which for  
The second time that year they saw,  
It's Christmas.  
When all around us snowflakes fall  
Yet, truly, there's no snow at all,  
It's Christmas.  
When children start to wonder why  
Can Santa Claus's reindeer fly,  
It's Christmas.  
When people act without a flaw  
While opening gifts they need no more,  
Than U Thant needs a Third World War,  
Then cheer you up, be happy for  
It's Christmas!

## FROM THE SPORTS' WORLD

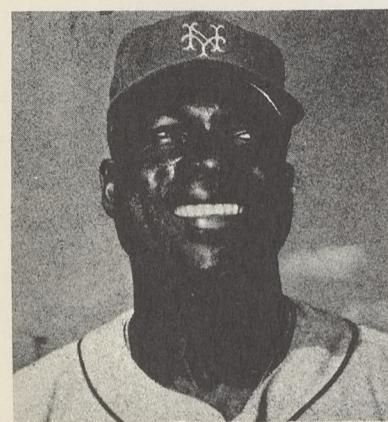
by Lou Ross

One of the biggest reasons, if not the biggest of all, for the Mets' improvement in the 1964 season was Joe Christopher, their 28 year old right fielder who hit .300 with 16 HR's & 76 RBI's.

Joe started out in 1955 at Phoenix in the Pirate chain, then to such cities as Lincoln, Williamsport, Columbus and Salt Lake City before reaching the "Steel City" in 1959 to have a cup of coffee with the Bucs.

"I got my best break in 1961 when the Mets drafted me. I really felt good because I hadn't given up hope even when the going was bad."

"The Met organization is the finest around. With the acquisition of Bing Devine, we will jell to one of the best."



JOE CHRISTOPHER

## Frosh Harriers Snag 19 Medals

Our Freshman Track Team finished the Cross-Country season, clinching a total of nineteen medals.

Although the team did not win any meets, Brother Sebastian, moderator and Mr. Vincent Diglio, coach of the team, are very proud of them.

The only gold medal was won by Pete Marblo 103, in the Boro Championships, "B" Division.

Four silver medals were won by: Tony Sweeney, who placed fourth in the Frosh Novice Cross-Country run at Van Cortlandt Park with a time of 6:41, Al Cardinas, John Grado and Butch Wilks.

Fourteen bronze medals were won by: Mike Andrews, Ted Atkinson, Dan Bankhead, Bill DeCicco, Dennis DeFretas, Paul Flaim, Bob Fulco, John Grado, Bruce Holloway, John Luciano, Kevin McGuire, Joe Spollen, and Curt Willocks.

All in all, the team placed third in the Brooklyn Championships and the team assures the school of a good Cross-Country team in the future.

## Frosh Indoor Season Under Way

The Freshman Track Team is now running indoors.

At the team's first meet, the C.H.-S.A.A. Relay Carnivals, the team showed promise for victories in the future.

At present, the team consists of about sixty active members. New runners are needed and are welcome anytime. Many Freshmen should take advantage of this opportunity to earn fame for the school as well as for themselves.

—Frank Tabert 201



J.V. BOWLERS: (Front, l. to r.) P. Bellomo, V. Zambrano, R. Helmicki. (Back, l. to r.) A. Diorio, F. Seggio, M. Angelone, L. Flynn, J. DeSio.



VARSITY BOWLERS: (Front, l. to r.) J. Nugent, A. Pagliuca, A. Durso. (Back, l. to r.) M. Connors, J. Rubino, J. Burns. Absent: V. Ferraro.

The J.V. Keglers have come a long, long way since their opening defeat by Brooklyn Prep. With almost one-half of the season over, they are currently in first place with an 18 and 3 record, which is nothing less than fabulous.

The veteran schools: Bishop Loughlin, McClancy, St. John's Prep, Mater Christi, St. Augustine, and Holy Trinity, all fell by the mighty blow of the Keglers. The team as a whole posts a 155 average. Highlighting the individual efforts is Vic Zambrano of Class 302. He bowled a 202 and thereby brought home a trophy. John De Sio of Class 305 has bowled a 160 or more weekly.

Averages such as Pat Bellomo's 154 and Mike Angelone's 160, both of 208, consistently boosts the J.V. Frank Seggio of 203 and 305's Ron Helmicki have 157 and 142 averages respectively, while Captain Larry Flynn of 203 has a 151, which helps to make a well-rounded team; worthy of dominating the league. Al Durio of 305, who has been out with an injury, should give the team added strength coming down the stretch.

To clear up any misconceptions which the Varsity's record may produce, analyze the team average. While not taking anything away from the J.V. average. It is just that the competition is so much tougher, which is evident in the fact that the Varsity plays seniors who consistently top the 200 mark.

Alex Pagliuca of 307 has the high game of 209. His classmate Mike

Connors bowled two consecutive 170 games against Brooklyn Prep. The other members of the team are: Joe Nugent 305, Joe Rubino 306, John Burns 303, Tony Durso 301, and Vin Ferraro of 209, all of whom try to upset the big guns in the league each week.

Both teams, J.V. and Varsity, practice on Monday and Friday at Park Circle Lanes and their competitions are held at Strand Lanes on Tuesdays.

With the scores that the Varsity rack up each week, next season should be a banner year. As to the J.V., they are asking Brother Fabian to prepare the trophy case for the one they will receive for a first place finish.

Both optimistic views can be confirmed by Brother Gilbert of the J.V. and Brother Joachim of the Varsity.

## Hoopsters Off To Victory; Conquer Lancers 51-49



THE FORD VARSITY: (l. to r.) R. Smeragliuolo, B. Humenik, H. Arroyo, E. Mumford, J. Sullivan, S. Toolan, R. Yost, J. Davenport, L. Cutrone, D. Assiff, F. Casey and F. Savarese.

## JV and Varsity Alleymen Still Knock Them Down

## Racket Squad Looks Ahead

"Love" is dangling in the air again as the score darts over the net and back again.

15-love! 30-15! 40-15! game! is the special jargon used by Kenneth Nolan 201, James Stivaletti 303, George Albro 201, James Gorman 306, and Robert Cripps 302—those students have some racket and are members of Bishop Ford's tennis team.

"At last things have changed and we have approved tennis courts to practice on," is the expressed opinion of last year's team members who were forced to practice in the west school yard while using a volley ball net.

Under the leadership of its moderator, Brother Brian, the team has secured the right to use the newly built courts in the Parade Grounds.

"Defeat in the Past—Spectacular Future in View" is the attitude taken by "the racket squad." The squad will not be set back by last year's failure to place. The fact that our Freshmen and Sophomores were competing against Juniors and Seniors hampered the team's capabilities.

November 30th marked the end of the fall practice. The season will re-open in March and Bishop Ford will be competing with Brooklyn Prep, Bishop Loughlin, St. Francis Prep and Xaverian in the pennant for first place in the Brooklyn League. The winner then proceeds to the championship with the winner of the Queen's League.

The team promises startling results in the next two years, so good luck in keeping "love" on the other side of the net.

—James Stivaletti 303

**SUPPORT TRACK MEN AT ALL HALLOWS MEET DECEMBER 26**

Bishop Ford, continuing its climb to the top of the sports world, has started its Varsity Basketball season with triumphs over St. Anthony's of Smithtown and St. Augustine's Diocesan High School.

Showing the rewards of diligent practices, the Falcons romped over St. Anthony's in their first game of the season by a decisive 71-51 score. Being the first Varsity game the Falcons ever played, they exemplified an abundance of poise, intelligence and ball-handling skills, thus evidencing their hard work. This first triumph was well received by all and seemed to predict a pleasant future. Such a season starter brought thoughts of duplicating last year's 19-1 record in the minds of many but such a task would be hard, considering that there are no seniors on the team.



Gene Mumford sinks two for the Falcons.

The beginning of a most successful evening of basketball commenced on Monday night, December 7. The 1200 assembled to witness the Falcon's first game of the new season was the largest and noisiest crowd in the brief history of the school.

Ford's J.V. Falcons held Augustine's J.V. Lancers to a low of 22 points with their fine defensive work. Our J.V. scored first in each period thus resulting in a 56-22 trouncing over Augustine.

The Varsity opposed by an older and more experienced Varsity from Augustine pulled through in a 51-49 squeaker.

Lee Cutrone of Class 302 tied the score at 5-all after 3:10 had gone by in the first period. At the 4:10 mark of the same period, Sullivan of Class 307 made the score 7-5 in our favor.

Both teams were playing a tight game and the score at halftime was Augustine 20 and Ford 15.

Doug Assiff and Gene Mumford combined, put the Falcons ahead at the end of the third period 37-33.

Augustine made a gallant try to advance in the fourth period, but the Ford defense held back the onslaught.

The J.V. and Varsity are both congratulated on their outstanding plays and brilliant teamwork.

# Top Five In Drive Keep Ford Alive!



*Edmund Conway*

## EDMUND CONWAY—304

For the second year in a row, Ed has topped all the solicitors of Ford in the Annual Franciscan Brothers Guild Drive with an enormous amount of \$435. As a reward he earned the \$100 grand prize and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Ed hails from Holy Name parish where his favorite teacher was Brother Corby, C.F.X. He admits that it was this Brother who was the greatest influence upon his education.

At present he is the class President for 304 and has plans to attend St. Francis College.

His spirit shown both for the school and for the Franciscans can readily be seen when one considers that the largest donation he received for the FBC Drive was \$20. That proves that Ed has a lot of hustle.

## BRUCE HUMENIK—301

Bruce took fourth place in the Franciscan Brothers Guild Drive. He brought in a total of \$234 and won \$35 and the busride to Washington, D.C.

He received his primary education at Holy Name from the Xaverian Brothers. Bruce participates in the Junior Holy Name Society in his parish.

His time at Ford is occupied by playing basketball on our Varsity team. He is Class President of 301 and therefore, a member of the Student Council.

He shows an interest in Math and hopes to become an engineer. His marks point favorably in that direction.



*Bruce Humenik*



*Albert Gargiulo*

## AL GARGIULO—207

The second place winner in our top five is Al Gargiulo who came to us from Our Lady of Grace Parish.

Al's tidy sum of \$357 entitled him to a second place win and helped the Franciscan Brothers tremendously to educate the young Brothers they have in training at present.

Al is headed for Washington with the rest of the top 35 contributors to the Guild but he maintains that he's not going to let that treat interfere with his studies. He hopes to attend Manhattan College in the future where his major field will be electrical engineering.

## GREG FITZGERALD—303

The third place winner of the Franciscan Brothers Guild Drive is Gregory Fitzgerald of Class 303. This year he totaled \$338 which gave him the cash award of \$50 and the Washington trip.

His track abilities not only brought eight medals, including a trophy, to the pride of Ford, but also gave him the honor of "captain" of the track team.

Greg studied at Holy Name. The Junior Holy Name Society is among the parish activities he belongs to. Now, his studies have a high favoritism toward English and Religion. His aim is to go to college and become a gym instructor.



*Gregory Fitzgerald*



*Steven Costantino*

## STEVE COSTANTINO—106

Steve finished fifth in the Guild Drive, and copped the highest freshman award of \$35. To win fifth place prize money, Steve collected \$223, including \$100 from a construction company. He is also included in the trip to Washington.

He graduated last year from St. Bernadette's and after his tenure at Ford would like to attend Notre Dame to indulge in football.

Steve's favorite is Algebra and he is on the Falcon shotput team. He is secretary of Class 106.

## LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

THE HORRIBLE DR. HICHCOCK

Stigma III Inc.

Recommended for MAD SCIENTIST!

Horrible is a rather mild adjective to use in describing this fiasco (Don't bother looking in the dictionary, it means ignominious failure). And that's just what it is! The producer of this picture has actually insulted the intelligence of the general public in expecting us to pay good money to see his nightmare.

The story, based on a novel written by Julian Perry, is about a mad doctor (Robert Fleming) who enjoys experimenting on beautiful young women. The woman he's madly (get it?) in love with (Teresa Fitzgerald) finally dies from one of his injections. Now, don't panic. This presented no problem at all to the good doctor. Like everybody knows in a case like that, all you have to do is find another doll (Barbara Steele) and use her blood to make your doll as good as new. (If you're confused . . . forget it!)

Anyway, the most interesting thing I found out during that wasted hour and a half was that the Doc isn't related at all to Alfred. In summing up this mess, I'd say I've enjoyed Bugs Bunny reruns twice as much as this failure.

—Charley Terry

## Burke, Conlon, Lead Frosh To Victory over Augustine

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 P.M. the freshman basketball team plays, what is to them, the most important game of the season. For tomorrow, the Frosh Falcons play our arch-rivals, the Terriers of St. Francis, at the Prep.

In the team's opening game, under the guidance of Brother Dermot, and led by Gerard Conlon of 101, the captain, and by Thomas Burke of 102, the hoopsters trounced St. Augustine, 37-22. Burke and Conlon were the high scorers with 12 points apiece, joined by John Hederman of 109 who scored 9.

These three, plus Donald Bufalini of 106 and Richard Peterson of 110, complete the starting five. Alan Sylvan of 108 is the sixth man on the squad.

The other members of the team are Wallace Niles and Robert Christie of 104, Robert Conroy and Willoughby Ridley of 103, John Murphy of 109, Lawrence Battle of 110, and last but not least, Michael Holder of 106.

In discussing the team, Brother Dermot disclosed that the hoopsters will use many set plays and will play a tight man-to-man defense. Brother Dermot also said, "We shall do fairly well but the inexperience of most of

our players will hinder us the most."

The first game with St. Francis won't be the only time we have a chance to beat our rivals, but on the 31st of January, in the first game of a triple-header at 12:30 P.M. at our home court, we can show them which is the better school! Some other games to watch out for are on January 8th against St. Augustine again, but this time at home at 4 P.M. and also against Loughlin at home at 4 P.M. on January 11th. The squad leaves their court to travel to Nazareth on January 15th at 4 P.M.

**Falcons Face Terriers Tomorrow**

## BISHOP FORD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### FIRST HONORS

#### First Quarterly Marking Period

Lacagnino, Gerard, 110, 93.83, St. Bernadette; Vanaria, Philip, 109, 93.17, Visitation; Jalinos, George, 105, 93.00, St. Paul; McCormack, Edward, 109, 93.00, St. Patrick; John Hederman, 109, 92.17, Holy Name; Pelosi, Richard, 110, 92.50, Our Lady of Guadalupe; Lynch Gerard, 109, 91.83, St. Agnes; Murphy, Robert, 301, 91.83, Holy Family; Duveen, Peter, 201, 91.67, St. Francis Xavier; Mallozzi, Anthony, 106, 91.50, Immaculate Heart of Mary; Giorgio, Robert, 202, 91.50, St. Francis de Chantal; Murphy, James, 207, 91.50, Holy Name; Tabert Francis, 201, 91.50, Immaculate Heart of Mary; Aulicino, Robert, 109, 91.33, Dyker Heights Junior High School; Gallielli, Bernard, 301, 91.33, St. John Evangelist; Habib, Douglas, 211, 91.33, St. Ephrem; McCormack, John, 101, 91.33, St. Patrick; Guido, Vito, 101, 91.17, St. Paul; Diffley, James, 104, 91.00, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Flateau, John, 201, 91.00, St.